

**AN ORDINANCE BY
COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL**

06-1034

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER TWO, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3, SUBDIVISION I, SECTION 2-133 (ENTITLED, "OPERATIONS, PROCEDURES.") OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, SO AS TO APPLY A WRITTEN RECORD KEEPING STANDARD AND ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING ACTIONS IN SECTION 2-133(a); TO REVISE AND CLARIFY THE PROCEDURE FOR THE ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL RULES SET OUT IN SECTION 2-133(b); TO REMOVE THE MANDATORY REPORTING REQUIREMENT TO COUNCIL FOR MATTERS HELD FOR FURTHER DELIBERATION BY COMMITTEES IN SECTION 2-133(c); TO WAIVE CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Committee on Council held work sessions and meetings to review the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta to suggest and effectuate amendments thereto; and

WHEREAS, Chapter Two, Article II, Division 3, Subdivision I, Section 2-133 of the City Code of Ordinances outlines the operations and procedures of Standing and other committees; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the city council that standing committees provide written records of all its actions, as well as, electronic/on-line access to meeting minutes; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the city council that committees may adopt and amend rules upon a majority vote of committee members present at committee meetings; and

WHEREAS, there is a mandatory requirement that matters held for further deliberation by committees for two regular council meetings be reported on to the council by the chair of the committee in which the matters rest; and

WHEREAS, the city council no longer desires that there be a mandatory reporting requirement for matters held for further deliberation by committees for two regular council meetings.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

Section 1: Chapter Two, Article II, Division 3, Subdivision I., Section 2-133, which reads:

(a) *Record of actions.* Each standing committee of the council shall keep a complete record of all its actions, which shall include a record of the votes on any question on which a record vote is demanded.

(b) *Rules.* The rules of the council shall be the rules of the committees insofar as applicable. However, motions made in committees shall be carried by a majority of votes cast, and abstentions or failures to vote shall not constitute votes cast for the purpose of this section. Committees may adopt and from time to time amend additional rules not inconsistent with this division, which shall be filed with the municipal clerk.

(c) *Duty to bring ordinances and resolutions to vote by council.* It shall be the duty of each committee chair to take all steps necessary to bring all ordinances and resolutions voted upon by

the chair's committee to a vote by the council. Matters held for further deliberation by committees for two regular council meetings must be reported on to the council by the chair of the committee in which the matters rest or such paper can be called to the floor for a vote by the sponsor.

be hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) *Record of actions.* Each standing committee of the council shall keep **minutes of meetings, which shall include** a complete **written** record of all its actions, **and** a record of the votes on any question. **At least one electronic legible copy of such minutes of meetings shall be publishable in readable form on the official city of Atlanta website.**

(b) *Rules.* The rules of the council shall be the rules of the committees insofar as applicable. However, motions made in committees shall be carried by a majority of votes cast, and abstentions or failures to vote shall not constitute votes cast for the purpose of this section. Committees may adopt and from time to time amend additional rules not inconsistent with this division, **upon a majority vote of committee members present**, which shall be filed with the municipal clerk.

(c) *Duty to bring ordinances and resolutions to vote by council.* It shall be the duty of each committee chair to take all steps necessary to bring all ordinances and resolutions voted upon by the chair's committee to a vote by the council. Matters held for further deliberation by committees for two regular council meetings **may** be called to the floor for a vote by the sponsor.

Section 2: That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.